

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007 AT 3:56 P.M.
LAW LIBRARY AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly
Absent: None

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the property adjacent to the airport and a tract loader.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated we have not gotten any money from the General Obligation Bond issue yet and they need some property graded.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to approve up to \$10,000.00 to rent a tract loader.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needs to decide what they want to do about purchasing property adjacent to the County Airport. He said the property owners have offered to sell the land to the County at a cost of \$3,000.00 per acre and that the offer is only good until the end of the month. If the Council decides to purchase 60 acres the cost would be \$180,000.00. Mr. Betenbaugh stated that in talking with W. K. Dickson he understood a Comprehensive Study was the next thing that needed to be done before the County could get any reimbursement for the purchase of the land. Council discussed what alternatives there were to purchasing the property and where they could go with future expansion of the runway at the airport. The County anticipates reimbursement of \$150,000 to \$160,000 from the FAA in March or April of this year for the prior expansion done at the airport. Mr. Betenbaugh stated that part of the funds for the purchase of the property could come from funds allocated for matching funds for airport projects, and funds in the rollover account.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Council went into executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to return the meeting to regular session.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Council returned the meeting to regular session.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated no action was taken in executive session.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to purchase the property adjacent to the Union County Airport at a cost of \$3,000.00 per acre and fund it the best way they possibly can.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that they had determined that 77% of the usage of the Union County Stadium could be attributed to use by the School District. The School District currently pays a rental fee of \$27,500.00 for use of the stadium.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to increase the rent to reflect the usage.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion.

Councilman Joe Lawson stated that usage being based on what we can attribute to the fact that cost goes toward that particular usage.

The vote was unanimous.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council